

**28 September 1964**

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Production Center  
Defense Intelligence Agency

**SUBJECT:** Qualitative Category Rating, NIS 10, Section 82

REFERENCE: DIA memorandum dated 17 September 1964  
to Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence,  
same subject

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1. In the absence of [REDACTED] I have reviewed with our editorial staff the NIS monthly production report for July 1964 and have found the NIS category ratings to be correct as listed.

2. Final NIS rating assignments for July production were made at a rating review meeting on 4 August 1964, when NIS 10 Section 82, was judged to have "required reasonable editorial support" in OBI and was therefore rated Category II.

3. In terms of qualitative assessment, the NIS category rating system operates within understandably narrow limits; however, every effort is made to insure a pattern of consistency and reliability. To this end final ratings involve the consideration of many factors and are the products of opinions at several review levels.

4. In the instance of NIS 10 (82) we regret any misunderstanding that might have resulted from a premature working-level discussion of the matter and look forward to the continued excellent cooperation of DIA personnel concerned with the NIS.

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